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25X1 1. About 40 percent of the windows of the Artillery Kaserne, Perleberg (C 54/T 70), were lighted the evening of 6 November 1950. Three marching columns, each of about 150 men, were observed to leave the installation the following day. The troops in the first column wore red-bordered black epaulets, those in the second column black epaulets, and those in the third column crimson epaulets. The troops were accompanied to the airfield by a 22-man band.

25X1 On 12 November, about 70 soldiers wearing black epaulets were marched out of the Artillerie Kaserne to a photographer in town. They had closely cropped hair and seemed to be recruits. Motor vehicles

25X1 were in the billeting area. *

2. Daily, including Sundays, there was much traffic at the Soviet telephone exchange on Reetzer Strasse. Most of the soldiers who visited the installation came by sidecar motorcycle. The motor vehicles came from the direction of, and left toward, the Perleberg kommandatura, Ludwigslust, Wittenberge and Berlin. **

3. The three field kitchens previously observed at the Perleberg airfield were no longer seen on 6 November, the airfield kitchen having resumed operation. Kitchen helpers stated that the airfield billets were partially occupied by troops. No enlargement work was observed at the airfield. AVEAB employee said that 40,000 kg of potatoes had been delivered to the airfield. There had not been any deliveries of coal and firewood. Motor vehicles

25X1 were seen in traffic at the airfield. At about 11:30 p.m. on 10 November, 11 trucks loaded with billeting equipment departed from the airfield toward Berlin. The truck numbers could not be determined because of darkness. ***

25X1 * Comment. Same source also reported that only 40 percent of the barracks windows were lighted after the return of units to the installation on 19 October.

25X1 On the basis of the present and the reference report, it cannot be determined whether some of the elements of the 13th Mech Div, which are stationed in the Artillerie Kaserne, were still away from the post in mid-November, or whether the installation is only partially occupied at all times.

25X1 ** Comment. The telephone exchange was reported for the first time.

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[redacted] Comment. The airfield, which was only partly occupied in the first half of November, had been occupied by about 1,200 troops of tank components of the 18th Wecz Div in April 1950.

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